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- b. Provided however, until a building has been listed on the Cultural Resources Inventory for a period of twelve (12) months, a demolition delay may not exceed six (6) months.

21.3.8 Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 3.7, the Building Commissioner may issue a demolition permit for a preferably preserved building at any time after receipt of written advice from the Commission to the effect that either:

- (i) the Commission is satisfied that there is no reasonable likelihood that either the owner or some other person or group is willing to purchase, preserve, rehabilitate or restore such building, or
- (ii) the Commission is satisfied that during the demolition delay period the owner has made continuing, bona fide and reasonable efforts to locate a purchaser to preserve, rehabilitate or restore the subject building, and that such efforts have been unsuccessful.

21.4 Responsibility of Owners

It shall be the responsibility of the owner of record or his designee to assist in the facilitation of the above process by providing information, allowing access to the property and securing the premises; for participating in the investigation of preservation options and for actively cooperating in seeking alternatives with the Commission and any interested parties.

21.5 Emergency Demolition

Nothing in this bylaw shall restrict the Building Commissioner from immediately ordering the demolition of any building in the event of imminent danger to the safety of the public.

21.6 Enforcement and Remedies

The Commission and/or the Building Commissioner are each specifically authorized to institute any and all actions and proceedings, in law or equity, as they may deem necessary and appropriate to obtain compliance with the requirements of this bylaw or to prevent a threatened violation thereof. No building permit shall be issued with respect to any premises upon which a significant building has been voluntarily demolished in violation of this bylaw for a period of two (2) years after the date of the completion of such demolition. As used herein, "premises" refers to the parcel of land upon which the demolished significant building was located and all adjoining parcels of land under common ownership or control.

21.7 Historic District Act

Nothing in this bylaw shall be deemed to conflict with the provisions of the Historic District Act, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40C. If any of the provisions of this bylaw do so conflict, that act shall prevail.

Section 22. Nuisance Bylaw

22.1 Authority and Purpose

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Pursuant to the general powers granted to cities and towns by Article 89 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, and the specific powers granted by M.G.L., Ch. 139, ss. 1-3A, this bylaw is adopted for the prevention of future nuisances and the removal of existing nuisances within the Town, which nuisances constitute a hazard of blight, or adversely affect property values.

22.2 Definitions

22.2.1 Blight

Any condition that seriously impairs the value, condition, strength, durability, or appearance of real property, or is otherwise detrimental to property values or neighboring properties including real property owned or occupied by an Interested Party as defined in Section 22.2.5 below.

22.2.2 Building

A structure, whether portable or fixed, with exterior walls or firewalls and a roof, built, erected or framed, of a combination of any materials, to form shelter for persons, animals, or property. See "structure" below.

22.2.3 Dilapidated

A condition of decay or partial ruin due to neglect, misuse, or deterioration. The term includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Property having deteriorated or ineffective waterproofing of exterior walls, roofs, foundations, or floors, including broken or inadequately secured windows or doors;
- (b) Property having defective weather protection (such as paint, stain, siding or tarpaulin) for exterior wall covering; deleterious weathering due to lack of such weather protection or other protective covering.
- (c) Personal property that is broken, rusted, worn, partially or wholly dismantled or otherwise due to deterioration is unsuitable for the purpose for which designed.
- (d) Property having a paved parking lot or a parking area in a deteriorated condition causing hazardous conditions to automobiles, bicycles, or pedestrians. Such conditions may include but are not limited to potholes, broken pavement, and/or insufficient drainage so as to cause flooding.

22.2.4 Hazard

A condition likely to expose persons to injury, or property to damage, loss or destruction.

22.2.5 Interested Parties

In connection with the notification requirements of this bylaw Interested Parties are the Building Commissioner; owner(s) and/or occupants of property which is the subject of a hearing; owners and/or occupants of property directly opposite the subject property on any public or private street or way, owners and/or occupants of property abutting the subject property, and owners and/or occupants of abutting property that is within 300 feet of, the property line of the subject property. Other persons who own or occupy property and who demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Building Commissioner that they are affected by the condition of the property or building that is the subject of a hearing may be regarded as Interested Parties by the Building Commissioner.

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22.2.6 Nuisance

Any substantial interference with the common interest of the general public in maintaining safe and sanitary structures and neighborhoods that are not dilapidated when such interference results from the hazardous or blighted condition of private property, land or buildings. The fact that a particular structure or use may be permitted under the zoning bylaw does not create an exemption from the application of this bylaw. The term includes but is not limited to:

- (a) burned structures not otherwise lawfully habitable or usable,
- (b) dilapidated real or personal property including but not limited to real or personal property containing graffiti, tagging or similar markings,
- (c) dilapidated real or personal property including parking lots or parking areas,
- (d) dangerous or unsafe structures or personal property,
- (e) overgrown vegetation which may harbor rats and vermin, conceal pools of stagnant water or other nuisances, or which is otherwise detrimental to neighboring properties or property values,
- (f) dead, decayed, diseased or hazardous trees,
- (g) personal property that is exposed to the elements without protection against deterioration, rust or dilapidation,
- (h) vehicles, machinery or mechanical equipment or parts thereof that are located on soil, grass or other porous surfaces that are likely to result in the destruction of vegetation or contamination of soil,
- (i) in any Residence District, keeping of more than one commercial vehicle, or of a tractor that exceeds a gross vehicle weight of three-quarters (3/4) of a ton for hauling a van or trailer as defined by the Registry of Motor Vehicles,
- (j) trash , debris or personal property, including but not limited to personal property marked “free” or “take” that has been placed for collection as rubbish or refuse in violation of Town of Framingham policies as approved by the Director of Public Works.

22.2.7 Occupant

A person who occupies real property with the consent of the owner as a lessee, tenant at will, licensee or otherwise. The singular use of the term includes the plural when the context so indicates.

22.2.8 Owner

Every person who alone or jointly or severally with others:

- (a) has legal title to any building, structure or property to this Bylaw
- (b) has care, charge, or control of any such building structure or property in any capacity including but not limited to agent, executor, executrix, administrator, administratrix, trustee or guardian of the estate of the holder of legal title

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- (c) is a lessee under a written letter agreement
- (d) has a mortgagee in possession
- (e) is an agent, trustee or other person appointed by the courts.

22.2.9 Responsible Party

The owner or occupant (in the case of real property) of property that is the subject of proceedings under this bylaw. The singular use of the term includes the plural when the context so indicates.

22.2.10 Structure

A combination of materials, whether wholly or partially level with, above or below the surface of the ground, whether permanent or temporary, assembled at a fixed location to give support, shelter or enclosure such as a building, (see above), framework, retaining wall, stand, platform, bin, fence (having a height at any point of six feet or greater above grade), parking area sign, flagpole, or mast for an antenna or the like.

22.3.1 Enforcement

This Bylaw shall be enforced by the Building Commissioner. If the Building Commissioner shall be informed or have reason to believe that any provision of this Bylaw has been, is being, or is likely to be violated, he shall make or cause to be made an investigation of the facts, including an investigation of the property where the violation may exist. If he finds any violation he shall give immediate notice in writing to the Owner and to the Occupant of the premises to immediately cease such violation. In making such inspection, the Building Commissioner shall have such right of access to premises that may be lawfully exercised by him under the laws and constitution of the Commonwealth or of the United States.

If, after such notice and order, such violation continued, or if any Owner or Occupant fails to obey any lawful order of the Building Commissioner with respect to any violation of the provisions of the Bylaw, the Building Commissioner may make complaint to the Superior Court or any court of competent jurisdiction for any injunction or order restraining any further use of the premises and the continuation of the violation and shall take such other action as is necessary to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw.

In addition to the foregoing remedy, whoever violates any provision of this Bylaw or fails to obey any lawful order issued by the Building Commissioner in enforcing this Bylaw shall be liable to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300) for each violation. Each violation of this Bylaw shall constitute a separate offense. Each day that any such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

The Building Commissioner may require disclosure to him/her of the identity of the person bringing a complaint of nuisance. The Building Commissioner may require that such complaint be made under oath or subject to the penalties of perjury. If the Building Commissioner determines that a reported condition may warrant immediate action, constitute a substantial violation of this Bylaw, or adversely affect protected interests of others than the complainant, the Building Commissioner may commence action under this Bylaw without requiring the disclosure of the identity of the complainant.

If the Building Commissioner determines that the condition is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Health or is a violation of the State Sanitary Code or any health

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regulation, in addition to enforcing this Bylaw, he shall refer the matter to the Director of Public Health of the town or other appropriate state or town officials for action.

During his investigation of the matter, the Building Commissioner may consult, but is not required to do so, with any Interested Party in an attempt to obtain voluntary compliance with this Bylaw without the need to issue a notice of violation.

22.3.2 Notice to Complainant

In any matter in which a complaint has been made by a person other than the Building Commissioner, the Building Commissioner, if requested, shall promptly notify the complainant in advance of all conferences or proceedings concerning resolution of the nuisance complaint or of any enforcement action and the complainant shall be allowed to be present and to be heard.

22.3.3 Removal of Nuisance by Selectmen

If the Responsible Party fails to remedy the nuisance upon notice from the Building Commissioner to do so, the Board of Selectmen may cause the nuisance to be removed as provided in M.G.L., Ch. 139.

22.3.4 Review by the Town Manager

Any Interested Party who has filed a written complaint of a nuisance with the Building Commissioner upon which complaint the Building Commissioner has determined that the condition is not a nuisance, or0 has taken other action that the Interested Party claims is inadequate shall have a right to a review of the matter by the Town Manager. At the request of such an Interested Party, the Town Manager shall confer with the Building Commissioner and shall recommend appropriate action to the Building Commissioner and to the Board of Selectmen.

22.3.5 Reports by Building Commissioner

The Building Commissioner shall file with the Town Manager each month a report that shall include all complaints of nuisance made to him during the prior month; all proceedings begun by him under this Bylaw; all pending complaints and all investigations and enforcement actions taken by him or referred to the Commissioner of Public Health. The report shall state the location of the premises, a summary of the nature of the complaint, the name of the Responsible Party(ies), and the disposition or the status of the matter.

Section 23. (Deleted – October 21, 2014 Special Town Meeting, Art. 12)

Section 24. Bylaw Concerning Lodging Houses

24.1 Purpose

This Bylaw is intended to supplement the provisions of G.L. c. 140, § 22, et seq., and all other statutes and State regulations pertaining to lodging houses, for the purpose of ensuring the